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SUBJ: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS CONTROL: FIELDS-FRIED
VISIT

REF: STATE 082303

SUMMARY: BECAUSE OF HOLY WEEK VACATION PERIOD, AND APRIL 18 MID-TERM ELECTIONS, RECOMMEND THAT FIELDS-FIRD POSTPONE BOGOTA VISIT UNTIL END OF LA TRIP.

1. HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSED FIELDS-FRIED VISIT WITH ASSISTANT AG SANCHEZ AND NATIONAL DRUG COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TELLEZ. BOTH OFFICIALS ARE ANXIOUS CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON EXCHANGES OF EVIDENCE, BUT POINT OUT THAT PROPOSED TIMING (REFTEL THESE CONSULTATIONS IS NOT PROPITIOUS. TRADITIONAL EASTER-HOLY WEEK VACATION PERIOD IS NOW UNDERWAY AND WILL NOT END UNTIL AFTER APRIL 20. MORE IMPORTANTLY, MID-TERM ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIAPL AND DEPARTMENTAL ASSEMBLIES ARE BEING HELD NATION-WIDE ON APRIL 18, EASTER SUNDAY. IT WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS FOR BUREAUCRACY TO GET BACK INTO GEAR FOLLOWING BOTH VACATION AND ELECTIONS.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, SUGGEST THAT FIELDS AND FRIED RESCHEDULE THEIR VISIT TO BOGOTA FOR WEEK OF 26 APRIL. PLEASE ADVISE.

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